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A Word From The Bishop, Don Maier

"For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body."
1 Corinthians 12:13 NRSV

A Special Invitation

Last month I wrote about the re-emergence of Lent as a time of final preparation of those who are invited to receive the gift of baptism at the Vigil of Easter.

That ancient rhythm also provides that the Great 50 Days of Easter are given over to instruction and training of the newly baptized in sacramental living. In the pre-Constantinian Church, the Bishop of an area would customarily invite the newly baptized (adults) to a special worship gathering (Mass) where the Bishop would offer encouragement for their unfolding life in Christ. That is background for what follows.

I am asking Pastors to send me the names and addresses of those being baptized this Easter, and since Easter 1999. I will send my personal greeting to those you identify, inviting them to the first Bishop's Mass for the Newly Baptized at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle. I will invite them to ask their pastors and sponsors to accompany them.

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A Special Invitation

A task force formed from congregations of the synod who are engaged in adult catechumenate are engaged in a cooperative effort with resource persons from the ELCA Department of Worship to plan this special service. We hope to develop a model for the entire ELCA.

I encourage you to encourage the newly baptized from your congregation to participate. Please get those names and addresses to my office by April 24. And tell them to expect to receive my invitation.

A blessed Easter to all!

Toward the Spring of Life

The annual training weekend for parish teams considering the catechumenate will take place November 3-5, 2000. Register early for this event as the number of participants is limited. For information, call Bev Piro at 206-542-1314.

Last Year for GEM Awards

This is the last year that rostered persons can apply for continuing education assistance through the ELCA Growth in Excellence in Ministry (GEM) Fund. An up-to-date Continuing Education Covenant must be completed and signed by the rostered leader, a lay leader, and the Bishop. Applications for PACE and Extended Study grants are available at the Synod Office.

Summer Global Mission Event Offers A Cloud of Witnesses

Inspiring people will share powerful stories about God's Spirit alive and active in the world today at the 2000 ELCA Global Mission Event, set for July 13-16 at Pacific Lutheran University.

Through global music and worship celebrations, stimulating workshops, programs for children and youth, and global feasting on stories of mission and prayer, participants will be strengthened in faith, individually and as the Body of Christ.

Speakers and leaders include:

- Bible study leader Dr. Mamy and family from Madagascar, working in Papua New Guinea
- Keynote speaker Rev. Phillip Tan of the Lutheran Church in Malaysia and Singapore
- Presiding Bishop H. George Anderson, ELCA, Chicago
- Bible study leader Viola Raheb, International Center of Bethlehem.

Preregistration deadline is June 19. For registration forms call 1-800-638-3522, ext. 2642. For more information on registration, check out the web page at www.elca.org/dgm/gme2000.

Mark Your Calendars for Key Events

Sent to Witness and Serve: Making Christ Known

The 2000 Synod Assembly Planning Committee has set a couple of deadlines:

Registration packets were recently mailed (or by now you have received your synod assembly registration packet). Please open it immediately...you need to return the box lunch orders by June 1, 2000, and the childcare forms as soon as possible since space is limited. The deadline for registration forms is Monday, May 1.

This year's Assembly will take place on Friday, June 16, and Saturday, June 17, at Salem in Mount Vernon under the theme: *Sent to Witness and Serve: Making Christ Known.*

Bishop's Convocation

The May Bishop's Convocation will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, at Bethel of Shoreline Lutheran Church. The topic is "An Ecclesiology for the New Millennium."

Featured speaker is Dr. Timothy Lull, President and Professor of Systematic Theology at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California. Dr. Lull is a well-known author and theological lecturer worldwide.

Registration is $15 per person and includes lunch. Registration forms were mailed in early April. If you did not receive one or if you need more information, contact the Synod office at 206-783-9292 or 1-800-244-6997.

Wangerin's Gift to Us

Last year, the Northwest Washington Synod invited Walt Wangerin to our region to be the keynote speaker at our Faith Festival–"Live the Faith, Pass the Faith." He is coming, at no charge, to be with us for three full days: Sept. 29 through Oct. 1.

Friday, September 29, is a special *Bishop's Convocation* at St. Andew's, Bellevue. Wangerin will speak as well as take questions from the audience. Mark your calendars from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Lunch will be included with the registration fee. (Southwestern Washington Synod rostered personnel will also be invited.)

Everyone is invited to attend *workshops* on Saturday, Sept. 30, at Our Savior's, Everett. The workshops will feature Wangerin and he will speak about "pray" and "worship." Other speakers from our Synod will focus on "study," "invite," "encourage," "serve," and "give." (Based on the ELCA resource tool "Living Faith" implementation guide.) A celebratory *worship service* will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 1, at the Everett Civic Auditorium. Wangerin will preach and Bishop Don Maier will preside.

Please share this wonderful news with your congregations. At the end of May, you will begin to receive mailings about the Faith Festival. In the meantime, if you need more information, contact Bette Schneider, Faith Festival Chair, at 206-625-9790 or email at wac@thewac.org. You can also log on to the Synod web site at www.lutheransnw.org.

A Festival For the Baptized

A festival worship service for all the people in our synod who have recently been baptized or affirmed their baptism will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 7. Phinney Ridge will host the festival eucharist and Bishop Maier will preside. The focus of this synod-wide worship festival will be the mission of the church in the world for all of the baptized. This follows the ancient practice of new Christians, baptized at the end of a Lenten period of preparation, receiving instruction from the Bishop on living the Christian faith.

All people, adults and children, their sponsors and pastors throughout the synod are invited to participate in this festival. The worship liturgy is a new rite, written by members of the NWWA Synod, with assistance from the ELCA worship office in Chicago. After its debut in Seattle, the rite will be available for use throughout the ELCA. For more information, call Bev Piro at 206-542-1314 or the Synod office.

Exploring the Sacred

In Death and Dying

Region 1 has a new video series resource for adult classes and study groups. The series is divided into six sessions, 20 to 25 minutes in length.

Topics are: *Saying Goodbye; Living Through Grief; Telling the Stories; Recognizing the Sacred; Communicating; One Family's Story.*

Call the Region 1 Resource Center at 206-624-0093 to reserve the series.

Income Exceeds Expenses

Income to ELCA exceeded expenses in 1999 by $2.1 million in current operating funds, said Richard L. McAuliffe, ELCA treasurer. McAuliffe reported results of the fiscal year ending Jan. 31 to the ELCA Conference of Bishops' spring meeting here March 2-7.

Receipts totaled $82.7 million for fiscal 1999, with related expenses at $80.6 million, McAuliffe said. Income from congregations through synods totaled $68 million, up from $66.7 million the previous fiscal year, he said. Financial giving to the churchwide organization increased in 54 of the ELCA's 65 synods. McAuliffe called the increase "remarkable" and thanked the bishops for their "leadership in stewardship."

63 Million Lutherans

With an additional 1.6 million members registered in the past year, the number of Lutherans worldwide rose from 61.5 million in 1998 to 63.1 million in 1999, according to statistics compiled by the Lutheran World Federation (LWF).

The ELCA (the second largest in the LWF constituency) had 5.17 million members in 1999, showing a slight decrease of about 6,800 from the previous year's 5.18 million.

Both above articles are excerpts from ELCA press releases. The full income release can be found under "news" at www.elca.org and membership summaries can be located at: www.elca.org/co/lwf1999.html

Web Site Sees Increase In Visitors

On February 29, Northlake in Kenmore supported the Lutheran Vespers program on KIRO 710 AM Newsradio. (At the end of the program, the congregation's name and web site were mentioned.)

Pastor Chris Boerger commented that after that Sunday, their web site saw an increase in visitors. Prior to the February 29 program, the Northlake web site had about 30 visitors each week. The week immediately after the program, the number of visitors increased to 100. Since that time, the web site has averaged about 70 visitors each week. "We attribute the increase to the mention at the end of the program," said Boerger.

If you would like to know more about Lutheran Vespers, contact Ernie Fosse, NWWA Synod Lutheran Vespers Task Force Chair, at 360-652-2909 or ErnieFosse@msn.com. Check out the NWWA Synod web site at www.lutheransnw.org for an up-to-date listing of supporters and upcoming shows.

Music in Your Heart

APLLM Annual Conference

The Association for Professional Lutheran Lay Ministers of the Northwest (APLLM) will meet for their 2000 Annual meeting on May 15 to 18 at Lutheran Outdoor Ministry Association (LOMA) Center, Issaquah.

Keynote speakers are Mary Preus and Tom Witt of Bread for the Journey. Cheryl Kulas Howard will be the Bible Study leader. Workshops include:

- Keeping Irritability Under Control: Conflict Management
- Copyright: What you Need to Know
- Music Liturgy and Contemporary Society
- Church Staff Workers and the Church Office (forum)
- Music and Spirituality

Cost is $195. (There are some commuter spots available for $40/day.) For more information contact Christine Brass at 1-800-585-5884. To register contact Becky Bunke, Bethlehem, 1006 Wicker Road, Sedro-Woolley, 98284; telephone 360-656-8181.

Celebrating 30 Years

On Tuesday, July 11, a banquet will be held to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Lutheran Women's Ordination. The banquet begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Scandinavian Cultural Center at the University Center at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma.

Rev. Jean Larson Hurd (Campus pastor at the University of Montana) is the keynote speaker. The evening will also feature entertainment by Zarco and Carmen Guerrero and Family sharing skits and songs from Central America.

Cost is $15 per person. (This banquet is included in registration fee for participants of the Pacific Lutheran University Summer Institute of Theology.) Contact Evelyn Reitan for banquet reservations at 253-535-7423. RSVP by July 5.

Board of Pensions

Optional Pension Plan builds retirement savings

The ELCA Optional Pension Plan is a great way for members to build additional retirement savings.

Through employer or member contributions, the Optional Pension Plan allows members to tax-defer a portion of current salary. It also allows congregations to provide a tax-deferred housing equity program. For more information on the Optional Pension Plan, please visit: www.elcabop.org/life/optional.

Additional reminders:

The April 17 tax deadline is looming. Please visit the Sponsor section on our web site at www.elcabop.org/life/sponsor for detailed tax information on housing allowance, Social Security taxes and allowances and Optional Pension Plan contributions.

Recent federal legislation has opened a two-year window in which clergy who opted out of Social Security may re-enter the federal program. For more information, please visit www.elcabop.org/life/ssreentry.

Available at Assembly

Board of Pensions' Rep

The Rev. Lowell Knutson will be the Board of Pensions' representative at the 2000 NWWA Synod Assembly on June 16 and 17 at Salem, Mount Vernon. Rev Knutson will be available to conduct individual consultations with plan members, congregational representatives and synod staff.

Research Study Possibility

An exciting research study conducted by the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center is being introduced to faith communities in the Seattle area.

The purpose of *Eating for a Healthy Life* is to support and encourage healthy eating choices by providing a free nutrition program to the members of faith communities. It is not a weight loss plan, but a program designed to teach people how to eat less fat and more fruits and vegetables in a fun, easy, and interactive way. You may already have heard of the study. Sixteen faith communities in the Seattle area are currently enrolled in the project.

If you are interested in this exciting project please contact Kitty Christensen, project coordinator at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, at 206-667-7314. Call to see if your congregation is eligible to participate.

Reminder

NWWA Synod financial leaders are invited to attend the financial workshop led by the NWWA Synod Finance Committee from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 29, at Prince of Peace, Everett.

Registration materials were mailed in early March. For more information contact the Synod office at 206-783-9292 or 1-800-244-6997.

LVC Cookbooks for Sale

It's been 20 years since the Lutheran Volunteer Corps (LVC) began with ten volunteers. LVC was founded in Washington, DC to provide faith-based volunteer support to urban social justice ministries and agencies. Since then, LVC has expanded to become a national ministry, with more than 1,000 volunteers in Baltimore, the District of Columbia, Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Seattle, and Tacoma, and Wilmington, Delaware.

To celebrate the 20th anniversary, a cookbook has been put together. Each book is $15 plus $3 shipping. If you would like to order one, make checks payable to LVC, and orders should be sent to:

Lutheran Volunteer Corps Cookbook
1226 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Heritage Workshop

The 2000 Congregation Heritage Workshop will be held July 16 to 18 at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. The workshop assists congregations in planning their anniversary celebrations, establishing their archives, and forming heritage communities.

For more information contact the Office of Congregational Relations at Luther College, 700 College Drive, Decorah, Iowa 52101; telephone 319-387-1271; fax 319-387-2153; email SoliDeoGloria@luther.edu. More information can also be found at their web site at: www.luther.edu.

LWR Spring Collection

The spring collection for items for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, May 5, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 6, in the parking lot at Our Redeemers, 2400 NW 85th, Seattle.

Gather quilts/blankets, health kits, school kits, layettes, sewing kits, sweatshirts/sweaters, new soap (in original wrapping), sensible and sturdy women's clothing (longish skirts, dresses, blouses--not sleeveless, and even pants). Please, no miniskirts, party-wear, gloves undergarments, shoes, hats, or scarves.

Checks for freight funds need to made out to Lutheran Boxcar Fund, are calculated based on $.16 a pound, and need to be mailed to:

The Hellings
2370 West Viewmont Way West
Seattle, WA 98199
Telephone: 206-285-6962

Augustana Heritage Gathering

The Augustana Heritage Association will hold the Augustana Heritage Gathering 2000 on June 23 to 25 at Augustana College, Rock Island, Il. The focus will be on the heritage of the Augustana Lutheran Church and its continuing contribution to the ELCA.

Cost is $125 per person and includes registration and meals. For registration information contact Bonnie Sivill, Augustana College Office for Campus Ministries at 309-794-7213.

The Musical!

Trinity Lutheran College presents this year's Playfest, Trinity Lutheran College: The Musical! On April 28 and 29, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the college's Rainier Auditorium. Devised by Professors Mark Gravrock and Scott Hafso, the family-friendly musical incorporates adaptations of songs from Broadway shows to tell the not-so familiar story of a small Lutheran college where a boy meets a girl, a senior changes majors, and a phantom nun haunts the tunnels below. Suggested donation: $5. For more information, call 425-392-0400 or visit www.tlc.edu.

Deeper Life Festival

Trinity Lutheran College's annual Deeper Life Festival to be held on June 22-25 will feature inspirational speaking by former faculty members, Pastors Erman Lunder, John Bergren, and Jane Prestbye. This 3.5-day retreat for spiritual renewal - which includes Bible studies, programs, and vibrant fellowship-is available for a program fee of only $15 for commuters or $140 for guests with meals and lodging. For more information, call 425-392-0400 or visit www.tlc.edu.

Bulk Mail Friendly

The Spirit (a NWWA Synod publication and inserted in this newsletter) is for members of congregations in our Synod. The Synod office staff asks that you copy and insert The Spirit in with your congregation's newsletter. To ensure that The Spirit meets the U.S. Postal Service bulk mail criteria be sure to type at the top of your newsletter the following information on The Spirit before you make your copies: "Insert to *month, year* issue and *name of your newsletter."* Example: Insert to May 2000 issue of "The Trumpet."

FINKthink

FINKthink Training at Our Savior's, Everett, will be held from 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday, June 9.

This is 4.5 hours that could help you build parent teams that make your Christian education systems more effective and a whole lot more fun. This training includes: Basis FINKthink, Faith Stepping stones, Small Group Confirmation Model, and much more. Cost is $99 for the first person, $59 for each additional person. Dinner is included. To register, call 1-888-55Faith or on line at www.faithink.com.

Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

You are invited to join the Trinity Lutheran College community for Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs, a Concert and Hymn Sing at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 21, in the campus chapel. The Trinity Choir and Touring Ensemble will present an afternoon of new and familiar anthems and hymns, including spirituals and contemporary songs of praise, with works by Berger, Rutter, and Jennings. For more information, call 425-392-0400 or visit www.tlc.edu. Freewill offering. Reception to follow.

Youth Opportunities

All events will be held at Pacific Lutheran University. For more information check your *justabouteverythingpages* or call 206-624-0093, ext. 113.

Holy Commotion

Training in music (vocal and instrumental), dance, drama (separate sessions) to enhance congregational worship. This workshop will be held July 30 to August 3. Cost is $200. Contact Laurie Howe at 253-531-6887; or email at s.l.howe@juno.com.

Rainbow of Gifts

Lively worship, challenging skill building, cultural enrichment and faith development for kids of all colors and cultures. This event is from July 30 to August 3. Cost is $100. Contact Melinda Jenkins at 206-624-0093; or email at mlynnjenk@aol.com.

Leadership Training School

Leadership Training School (LTS) helps young people see, develop, and celebrate their "gifts" to build youth ministry back in the congregation. This event will take place July 29 to August 3. Cost is $125 for LTS I; $135 for LTS II. Contact Ingelaurie Lisher at 253-839-0344; or email at i.a.lisher@juno.com.

Evergreen Youth Television

Training in the use of video from a faith and values perspective will be held July 29 to August 6. Cost is $400 for those in Region 1. Contact EYTV Office at 1-800-878-7280. (Registration deadline was March 31.)

New Directors Named

Holden Village will install Dianne M. Shiner, Freeland, Wash., to join Janet K. Grant in a two-director team, June 25. Shiner is currently the Northwest Area Director for Lutheran Social Services of Washington and Idaho.

Grant has served as director since 1994. Last August she was called to continue in service to Holden Village, as interim for a year and then as director when a new team was formed. Shiner's acceptance of the position completes that team.

Secretary/Receptionist

Lutheran Brotherhood is in need of a dependable secretary/receptionist. Job duties include phone, typing, filing, mail. Must know MSWord. 40 hours a week, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Training on in-house computer program provided. Contact Kristi Hearn or Christine Brass, Lutheran Brotherhood, 9709 Third Ave. NE, Suite 302; Seattle, 98115; telephone 206-523-0009.

Lay Ministry Positions Open

Two campus minsitry positions for lay professionals are available in Region 1 and 2: the University of Idaho, and the University of Utah and Zion Lutheran Church. For job descriptions and complete details contact Rev. Adrianne Heskine, Director for Campus Minsitry at 510-8848-0439.

Advent Has Positions Open

Advent, Mill Creek, has four positions open. Please respond to Pastor Kevin Bates at 13311 21st Ave SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012; or 425-337-5373.

Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministries.

Successful candidate will create and implement a new youth ministry position. Responsibilities include working with adults for a youth program from elementary to Senior High Youth, and assisting in confirmation. Salary beginning at $25,000.

Church Musician.

Successful candidate will be a musician skilled in a variety of keyboard styles (classical, contemporary, folk, global, jazz, and gospel) along with the ability to play with accurate tempo and rhythm. This position does not include choir leading. Salary beginning at $7,800.

Communications Specialist.

We are seeking an individual with gifts in writing, layout, and design to publish newsletters, brochures, mailings, and advertising. This part-time position includes the possibility of working out of the home. Salary beginning at $10,000.

Administrative Assistant.

This position is for 30 hours a week with the potential of becoming a full-time position. The purpose of the position is to bring efficiency and organization to the clerical functions of ministry. Ability to use or learn Microsoft Word 6.0 and Microsoft Publisher. Hourly position beginning at $9 plus payroll taxes.

Organist Needed

Faith Lutheran Church of Lakewood/ Smokey Point is looking for a part-time to full-time organist to play and lead one worship service on Sundays. Please call 360-652-9545 for more information.

Preschool Teacher Needed

Central Lutheran Church Preschool is looking for a Preschool Director/Teacher. Successful candidate needs to have a Teaching Certificate (BA), Early Childhood Education Certificate, or at least three years experience working with preschool age children (experience within a Christian preschool desired). 20 hours per week, 9.75 months (mid-August through first week in June), salary TBD. Contact Central Lutheran for Position Application Form at 2702 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, WA 98201 or call 425-252-8291.

Youth Ministry

The successful candidate will work as Youth Director at Our Savior's, Stanwood. The person will work with grades 2 to 12 in relational ministry through various activities and worship. College education or work experience preferred. Applicant must have a strong personal relationship with Christ, be able to relate to youth and be fun-loving. For more information, contact Dee Johnson, 8910 Lakewood Road, Stanwood, 98292; 360-652-7110; email Ljonson@aol.com.

Within Our Family

Prayers for Strength and Healing for...

† **Pastor Douglas Langholz,** Magnolia, Seattle, and his wife and family. Pastor Langholz was recently diagnosed with ALS (or Lou Gehrig's disease).

† Ebenezer, Lake Stevens, member **Allison Hansen**, age 16, who successfully underwent heart transplant on March 5 at University of Washington Medical Center. Allison is the sister of Jacob Hansen, age 17, who was the first heart transplant recipient at Children's Hospital. Jacob was 12 years old at the time of his heart transplant.

† **Pastor Ed Markquart,** Grace, Des Moines has been hospitalized for three weeks with an infection of the heart valve and an aneurysm, and now faces possible surgery. No visits or calls at this time; send cards to Grace Lutheran Church, 22975 24th Ave. South, Des Moines, 98198-7196.

To Keep in Our Prayers...

† **Donene Blair,** NWWA Synod Executive Assistant, whose mother passed away on March 27 in California after a long illness.

† **Pastor Jane Prestbye** whose mother died on March 15; her memorial service was held at Peace, Silvana.

† **Karen Ward** whose mother died in January.

Congratulations to...

† **Thom Wert** who has recently attained certification as a Board Certified Chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains. He serves as Chaplain for Columbia Lutheran Home, Seattle.

† **Jim Kruse** on his engagement to Arlys Kroon. They plan an August wedding.

† **Beth Elness,** Director of Marketing at Trinity Lutheran College, and Eric Hanson on the birth of their baby daughter on April 8. We welcome Anya Elise Elness Hanson.

News and Notes

† **A web site worth noting:** Put this web site address in your Favorites and each day you log on, go to it and in seconds two cups of food are donated to the hungry: www.thehungersite.com. It's that simple.

† Earlier this year, the **Chief Seattle Club** received a $3,000 grant from the American Indian and Alaska Native Grant Program of the ELCA.

† Members of **Gloria Dei, Alderwood Manor,** recently included "Hat Sunday" in worship for two of their musicians. **Marie Jodock, AIM,** organist, and **Suzanne Johnson,** Director of Music and Choir Director, are both undergoing chemotherapy. (Since they wore hats to cover their lost hair from their treatment, the congregation thought that by wearing hats it would be a good to way to show their support.)

† **Pastor Jane Prestbye, Kent, Kent,** will attend the first Women Lead Pastors Conference in Techney, Ill. The ELCA sponsors of the event are: the Commission for Women, the Division for Minsitry, and the Department for Synodical Relations.

ELCA Communicators Recognized

Staff of ELCA churchwide units won four awards in the Religion Communicators Council's (RCC) annual DeRose Hinkhouse Awards competition for 1999 work:

- The staff of "Lutheran Woman Today" received an Award of Excellence for a magazine article in a series for their "Fear Not" article.
- Bonnie Belasic received an Award of Merit for a website for Women of the ELCA's presence on the web, www.elca.org/wo.
- Kate Elliott received an Award of Merit from a national newspaper for "Seeds for the Parish."
- The "Lutheran Vespers" staff received an Award of Excellence for a radio program series for their "People of the Nativity" series.
- Other Lutherans who were honored included staff from Luther and Trinity Seminaries and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod.

For full details check the ELCA web site at www.elca.org for Melissa Ramirez's full news release on all Lutherans awards.

Sharing

After a lot of hard work putting together a special program, it is fun to be able to share with others the success of the event. The Synod publications can help you share the news. Some story ideas include: kids helping kids, Sunday School Teachers and their students, the successes of Vacation Bible School, and much more.

Deadlines for Synod newsletters are:
June/July--Monday, May 1
August--Monday, July 3
September--Monday, July 31

Start thinking ahead about stories and photographs for Vacation Bible School. I need your ideas for the October supplement to The Lutheran magazine by Monday, July 24.

All information and ideas can be sent to Margit Peiffle at: 21721 88th Ave. NE, Arlington, WA 98223; fax 360-435-5955; email peifflepr@aol.com; telephone 360-403-9870.

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